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In the application of

William Robert Ouellette et al. : Confirmation No. 2250

Serial No. 10/751,725 : Group Art Unit 1771

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For Entangled Fibrous Web Of Eccentric Bicomponent Fibers And Method Of Using

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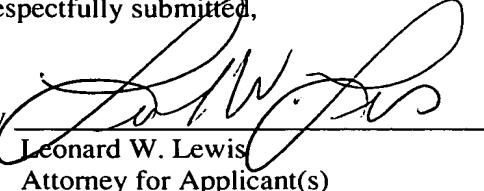
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